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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: M. Fujino EXAMINER: Ohara, E.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/257,650 GROUP: 1646  
FILED: February 25, 1999  
FOR: USE AND SCREENING METHJOD FOR AN ABERRANT  
GENE PRODUCT-OPERATING SUBSTANCE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated October 27, 1999, Applicants respectfully elect Group V: Claims 14-16 without traverse. This election is made solely to comply with the Restriction Requirement. The right to file divisional applications on non-elected subject matter is reserved.

Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have

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inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time. If such an extension of time is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 for such fees.

An early examination and Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1999.

  
**SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER**

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